



October 12, 2014 VCF Registration Deadline

Frequently Asked Questions for Claimants Diagnosed with a 9/11-related Cancer

The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund ("VCF") is approaching an important deadline. If you are not registered with the VCF and you were diagnosed with a 9/11-related eligible cancer (except Prostate Cancer and certain Rare Cancers) on or before October 12, 2012, this deadline applies to you. Please see the www.vcf.gov website for information on filing deadlines for claimants diagnosed with 9/11-related conditions other than cancer.

1. Who must register by October 12, 2014?

Anyone diagnosed on or before October 12, 2014 with a 9/11-related eligible cancer (except for Prostate Cancer and Rare Cancers). The list of 9/11-related eligible cancers is available in FAQ #3.4 on the www.vcf.gov website.

Registration preserves your right to file a claim before the final VCF filing deadline of October 3, 2016. Registration is not the same as filing a claim. You do not have to file a claim even if you have registered. If you do not know when your cancer was first diagnosed, you should register by the October 12, 2014 deadline.

2. If I was diagnosed with my 9/11-related cancer *after* October 12, 2012, what is my registration deadline?

If you were diagnosed after October 12, 2012, you must register within two (2) years of the day you were diagnosed. However, because all claims must be filed with the VCF by October 3, 2016, you must register and submit your Eligibility and Compensation Forms by this date even if it is less than two (2) years from the date of your diagnosis.

3. If I have been diagnosed with a cancer that is not on the list of eligible cancers, should I apply just in case the cancer is added in the future?

If the cancer is added to the list of eligible cancers in the future, you must register within two (2) years of the date the cancer is added to the list. However, because all claims must be filed with the VCF by October 3, 2016, you must register and submit your Eligibility and Compensation Forms by this date even if it is less than two (2) years from the date the cancer is added.

4. If I currently have a presumptively covered cancer but I think it may get worse, should I wait until then to file my claim?

No, file your claim now. You must register no later than two (2) years from the date you were first diagnosed with your 9/11-related cancer. Please see FAQ #1.4 for detailed information on the deadlines for registering and filing a claim.

After registering, the next step is to submit your Eligibility and Compensation Forms. If your injury or condition gets worse or if you have additional economic losses due to your eligible condition, you may then amend your claim. See FAQ #4.16 on the www.vcf.gov website for directions on how to amend your claim.

5. If I have not yet suffered economic harm but I have been diagnosed with a 9/11-related condition, should I register for the VCF?

Yes. You must register no later than two (2) years from the date you were first diagnosed with your 9/11-related condition. This requirement applies whether or not you have suffered economic harm as a result of your condition. For detailed information on claim filing deadlines, please see FAQ #1.4 on the www.vcf.gov website.



6. If I have not yet been diagnosed with or treated for a 9/11-related condition, should I still register by October 12, 2014?

No. If you have not been diagnosed with a 9/11-related condition, you do not need to register with the VCF. If you are diagnosed in the future with a condition you believe is related to 9/11, you must register within two (2) years from the date you are diagnosed. However, because all claims must be filed with the VCF by October 3, 2016, you must register and submit your Eligibility and Compensation Forms by this date even if it is less than two (2) years from the date of your diagnosis.

7. Will the VCF accept registrations after October 12, 2014?

Yes. VCF will accept registrations after October 12, 2014 in certain circumstances. You can register after October 12, 2014 if:

- You were diagnosed with your 9/11-related condition after October 12, 2012. If so, you have two (2) years from the date you were diagnosed to register. For example, if you were diagnosed with a 9/11-related illness on June 1, 2013, you must register by June 1, 2015. If you are diagnosed on or after October 3, 2014, you must register by October 3, 2016.
- You were diagnosed with Prostate Cancer on or before October 21, 2013. If so, you have until October 21, 2015 to register. If you are diagnosed with Prostate Cancer after October 21, 2013, then you have two (2) years from the diagnosis date to register, but no later than October 3, 2016.
- You were diagnosed on or before February 18, 2014 with a Rare Cancer that meets the definition as explained by the WTC Health Program on that date. If so, you have until February 18, 2016 to register. If you are diagnosed with a Rare Cancer that meets the definition after February 18, 2014, then you have two (2) years from the diagnosis date to register, but no later than October 3, 2016.
- Your condition was added to the list of eligible conditions after October 12, 2012. You have two (2) years from the date the condition was added to the list of qualified injuries to register (if you were diagnosed with your 9/11-related condition before it was added to the list), but no later than October 3, 2016.

Please note that no matter when you register, your completed Eligibility and Compensation Forms must be submitted by October 3, 2016, which is the FINAL deadline to submit any information to the VCF.

8. If I am being treated by the WTC Health Program am I automatically registered with the Victim Compensation Fund?

No. The WTC Health Program and the VCF are different programs. You must register for each of these programs separately.

9. I'm still confused. Can I talk to someone about what I'm supposed to do?

Of course. Please call our toll-free Helpline at 1-855-885-1555 to speak with a member of the VCF staff. For the hearing impaired, please call 1-855-885-1558 (TDD). If you are calling from outside the United States, please call 1-202-353-0356.

Visit the www.vcf.gov website for detailed information on the registration process and instructions on how to register.